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Teachers' contract includes \$3.9 million in concessions

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

At Monday's special meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, the board ratified a one-year agreement with the Van Buren Education Association that calls for concessions worth \$3.9 million to help the district struggle with its deficit budget.

A tentative agreement was reached between the district and the union on May 10 and the VBEA membership ratified the contract on May 24.

The contract, that runs from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, includes 25% employee contributions to health insurance programs, higher deductibles, half-step instead of full-step salary increases, and 14 furlough days without pay.

Teachers agreed to work these furlough days to assist the district through its current financial crisis.

Changes also are made to sick days and personal business days.

The union agrees to a calendar with 178 student days and 184 teacher days, with the specific schedule to be worked out. The school day will be reduced by 20 minutes.

In a written statement, School Supt. Michael Van Tassel showed his gratitude for the teachers' concessions:

"I want to take this opportunity to thank the teachers and their association for ratifying this agreement.

"The last few years have been most difficult for public education. Major state funding cuts, tenure and evaluation reform, changes in layoff and recall procedures, and mandated health care costs have been only some of the many changes that have affected all of us.

"And yet with all these changes, many of which are already impacting teacher checkbooks, our teachers agreed to some major financial concessions. Our teachers in Van Buren Public Schools made the



Photo courtesy of Curtis Lunsford, Van Buren Fire Dept.

This aerial shot of Main Street in downtown Belleville on Monday evening shows the first Bayou Cruisin' Car Show of the season. More than 100 cars were on display between Third and Fifth streets, with that portion of Main Street closed to traffic. The car show will continue each Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. throughout the summer. The event is free and open to the public.

choice to do what is best for students and put the needs of this district above their own

"With so much criticism leveled at education and teachers in particular, it is most gratifying to know that this group of selfless educators is a part of our schools and community," Van Tassel concluded.

In other business at Monday's meeting at the Belleville High School Auditorium, the board:

• Honored retiring employees Gail Anderson, Judy Baker, Kathy Bemis, Carol Binert, Brian Brice, Sally Coughlin, Dana Doemer, Elizabeth Ellison, Debbie Griffin, Henry Heuser, Kathy Kovach, Susan Norquist, Lynne Onuma, Judy Pappas, Craig Perry, Valerie Peters, Barbara Rayburn, Patricia Smith, and Diane Vitale;

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Independent photo by Bob Mytych

It rained on Sumpter's parade over the Memorial Day weekend, but then the sun came out and record crowds turned out to make it the most successful festival ever.

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2012 Sumpter Country Fest Cutest Baby Boy, Girl Contest winners

The winners have been announced in this year's Sumpter Country Fest Cutest Baby Boy and Girl Contest.

Boy Winners:

- 1st Riley Patrick Morgan, son of Richard Morgan and Amanda Cliff
- 2nd Morgan Tyler Duncan, son of Matt and Tracy Duncan
- 3rd Marco Tate, son of Kevin and Nina Fate

Girl Winners:

- 1st Gracie Chamberlain, daughter of Clinton and Amanda Chamberlain
- 2nd Audrina Le Mae Love, daughter of Amanda Crain and Kip Love
- 3rd Emma Schultz, daughter of Shi and

Crystal Schultz

The Most Photogenic Baby was Charlie Rae Wood, daughter of Joe and Crystal Wood, chosen by Shannon of "Photography by Shannon".

The Cutie Pie Trophy Cup, also chosen by Shannon, went to Danica Pearl Broome, daughter of R.J. and Crystal Broome.

On behalf of the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission, we would especially like to thank our sponsors: Mr. John Hennessey of Hennessey Engineers, Inc., Southgate, and Photography by Shannon of Belleville for their support.

The contest was a great success again this year with 43 entries and was one of

the most visited features of our festival. Each and every baby picture displayed was adorable and each baby a winner on its own.

The community was more than generous with its support and we want to thank everyone that helped us provide an eventful 2012 Cutest Baby Contest. Proceeds from the contest will be used by the Sumpter Parks & Recreation to help fund child-related programs.

Other entries were: Chase Anthony Thomas, Kenneth R. Foley II, Preston Johnson, Zaden Tyler Olsen, Isaac Watson, Braxten Rowsey, Brody Ellis, R.J. Spoonamore, Nicholas Schumann II, Ryleigh Nyman, Justin Walter JT, Alix Joe Nasser, Corbin Callison, Bryce Rider, Preston Allen Kincaid and Xander Legier.

And, Aviana Jean Howell, Lila Claire White, Allison Rose White, Mary Gudith, Haidyn Marie Thomas, Layla Offerman, Adelynn Huziak, Lailah McClure, Ryley Meyers, Bayleigh-Ray Nicole Dillion, Blakely Ann Cates, Kendall Gail Cates, Izzabell Vieira, Amiyah King, Delilah Daroci, Chloe Spencer, Brooke Noelle Sanders, Auydly Frances Edgerton, and Madolyn Clark.

Thank you all, Jim & Joanne Posegay Parks & Rec Contest Chairpersons



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Ariel Gregory, 11, center was crowned the winner of the 2012 Sumpter Fest Princess Contest last Thursday at the beginning of Sumpter Fest activities. First runner-up was Karmin Spoonamore, 11, and second runner-up was Kaylie La Porte, 12. Also participating in this year's contest were: Isabella Layman, 9; Sierra Berry, 10; Ajanae Walton, 8; Brooke Temple, 10; Summer Schultz, 8; Lindsay Martin, 9; Dalaney Gotts, 7; Gariella Massel, 9; and Paige Hamilton, 12. Besides riding on a special float in Saturday's parade, the girls got to take all the rides free in the carnival on Saturday. Contest chairperson Tiffany Moody presented a plaque to the contest's sponsor Later Gator Landscaping.

Sumpter Twp. Board OKs steps to pave 3.3 miles of Judd Road

By Rosemary K. Otzman *Independent* Editor

The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees approved paying Hennessey Engineers \$4,500 to take soil borings in Judd Road to get a look at the existing base in preparation for the paying of Judd.

At its regular meeting on May 22, the board voted unanimously to hold the first of two public hearings at 6 p.m., June 22, to consider a Special Assessment District paving project of Judd that would be paid

for over 20 years by the residents of the road, based on frontage.

The paving would be on 3.3 miles of Judd between Sumpter and Rawsonville roads and could be done this construction season.

Fenster Subdivision residents, just off that stretch of Judd, are also being contacted to see if they want to sign a petition to get their road paved, as well, which would cut the cost for all involved.

Jim Pedersen, who now is running for

state representative, took a petition out to neighbors on Judd over the Christmas holidays. He said property taxes are down and people wouldn't mind the assessment on their tax bill. Also, the bond market is good for bidding, with low interest.

Pedersen said of all the residents on Judd, only two were against the paving.

He said Judd, from Sumpter to Rawsonville, is completely blocked off during certain times of the year, referring

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Sumpter Country Fest 2012 Parade winners

Floats:

- 1. Sumpter Princess and Court
- 2. Belleville Area District Library
- Southwestern Wayne (County)
 Democratic Club

Children's Group:

- 1. St. Anthony Scout Troop 793
- 2. Cub Scout Troop 295, Lincoln
- 3. Sumpter Head Start

Antique Vehicles:

- 1. Jim Posegay
- 2. Van Gasper, Gasper Recycling
- 3. Andrew Nagy

Specialty Units:

- 1. Animal Magic
- 2. Sumpter Collision

Community Organizations:

- 1. VFW 4434 and PLAV 1697
- 2. Veterans United
- 3. BAARC

Equine/Horse-Drawn Vehicles:

- 1. American Riders
- 2. Easy Riders
- 3. BJ Carriages

Best in Show: American Riders **Best in Theme:** Veterans United

Winner of TV raffle: Don Oliver Winner of Quilt raffle: Pete and Marcy LaFramboise



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...By Rosemary K. Otzman

<u>Editorial</u>

Coy Kendall saga continues

On Tuesday morning, Lou Kovach visited his newly planted cornfield on the former site of Coy Kendall greenhouses, Bemis at Martinsville. Then, things got a little

Lou and some friends and their cars got blocked in by the contractor putting in the new VBT water line along Bemis Road. Workers were fusing the water pipes together in anticipation of directional boring. The big blue pipes blocked his driveway onto Bemis and locked them in. Another drive on Martinsville had a chain across it and the only key was with the man who plowed and planted the field – and he couldn't be found.

Lou was blocked in. Somebody called police and the press.

Finally, Lou and friends were freed when the contractor agreed to pull the pipe onto Bemis Road, clearing an escape route. This involved blocking Bemis to traffic and a lot of attention by passers by.

Lou was honking his car's horn; his mother Jane kept driving by in her Mustang honking her horn; Lou's supporters were honking their car horns; police kept the peace with their presence.

Now, we hear a law suit may be brewing over the blocking the drive thing since it's going to take a couple of weeks to complete this project, now that the county has allowed VBT to go farther into its right of way and it no longer needs private easements.

You recall this attention all has to do with a lot split that was assured in the past and now denied in the present. Stay tuned.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

The Willow Run party store on the South I-94 Service Drive at Old Denton Road sold a \$250,000 Michigan Lottery ticket to a Ypsilanti man. Rojelio Reyes accepted his check from the Mega Millions drawing in Lansing on May 16. He matched five winning numbers.

Last Thursday, the Wayne County Election Commission met to consider the language for a recall petition of County Executive Robert Ficano – and unanimously approved the language.

Richard Convertino, a former federal prosecutor, is leading the recall drive. In May there was an attempt at getting similar recall petitions signed, but they fell short of the 140,000 signatures needed to put it on a ballot.

Convertino said the second attempt will succeed because they are raising funds to hire 1,000 poll workers to cover the polls during the August Primary Election. If each poll worker collects 200 signatures during the 13-hour time period the polls are open, "then it is over for Ficano," he said in a news advisory.

Once he starts getting signatures, he has 90 days to get enough.

Convertino said Ficano is not making a serious attempt to correct his past mistakes and "outrageous" behavior. A spokesperson for Ficano said Convertino is just doing the recall to get publicity for himself.

Recently I accompanied Belleville Police Chief Gene Taylor on a test drive of a new Ford Interceptor police car. I was especially interested in the car because the Sumpter Township board had recently approved a

We were riding west along I-94 when Chief Taylor called my attention to a mother Mallard and four or five ducklings heading across the freeway. They were in the fast lane when I saw them. Chief Taylor said he noticed them when semis swerved to avoid them and other cars took evasive action, too.

The little family was heading toward the median in the general direction of Belleville Lake. They still had the eastbound lane to cross, but I've been told they made it across that, too.

Takes my breath away.

And I thought I was done with duck

On Monday morning, Chief Taylor took out the military surplus Humvee, parked in the city garage, to move the sands bags and Stop signs needed to close down Main Street for the Cruisin' at the Bayou Car Show and control traffic on adjoining streets. The big vehicle came in handy for the bulky items.

Main Street will be closed between Fifth and Third Streets every Monday afternoon throughout the summer. The Cruisers put up signs on Main and North Liberty streets to alert the public that there will be no parking there during the car show.

When Monday afternoon arrived, more than 100 special cars were parked along Main between Third and Fifth with crowds

Be sure to fly your American Flag Flag Day, June 14. Pete Pitzen especially wants his neighbors on South Biggs Street in the City of Belleville to remember to fly their American Flags. He's

taken South Biggs as his personal flag

Belleville Police Chief Gene Taylor wants the whole city to fly American Flags and he's been doing his best to get flags to

"Let's show America that we still have our Pride by displaying the American Flag," Chief Taylor said.

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts' Music Committee is about \$1,500 short for this summer's Music Lakeside series because it received a smaller grant than hoped for from the Belleville DDA.

If you can donate a few dollars to keep the summer series intact, call Barbara Miller at her law office, 697-4455.

lease/purchase deal of two just like it. of people coming out to enjoy the show. We hear the Bayou sold out of pork sliders. since people were coming in and buying them by the "bucketfuls".



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Be sure to come out next Monday to see what's going on.





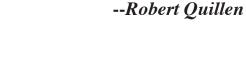
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Letters

Thanks to those who helped 'Thunder Rolls'

To the Editor:

An event like "Thunder Rolls in Belleville" cannot go on without the hard work and dedication of many individuals.

We would like to take this time to give a heartfelt thank you to the following: Chief Gene Taylor and the Belleville Police Department, Sgt. Fred Yono and the Van Buren Police Department, Sumpter Police and Fire Departments and Washtenaw Police Department for providing a safe and smooth ride for our bikers.

Darryl and Lorraine Dooley and the Chapter G, Gold Wings Touring Association for their dedicated work in registering the riders (there were 234 motorcycles this year), getting them lined up and leading

Always a great big thank you goes out to the Honor Guards of Belleville VFW #4434 and Belleville PLAV #167. The Canton Young Marines, especially Todd Israel who led us off with the Pledge of Allegiance. Elyse Losen, Miss SouthCentral Michigan who graced us with her lovely voice in singing the National Anthem and another tearjerking song at the end.

Pastor Robert White of Grace Baptist Church who led us in prayer and recognized the "National Moment of Remembrance" which was established by Congress and asks that Americans wherever they are at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day to pause in an act of national unity for our veterans who have gone before us.

Belleville Councilwoman, Kim Tindall for the welcome. Our speakers Sumpter Twp. Fire Chief and veteran Leslie Powell, Destiny Eadie of Cards from Destiny (they send cards, letters and supplies to our troops) and VFW #4434 Junior Vice Commander Rick Dawson.

Martha Brown and Shelly Brown for reading the names of our dear veterans that have passed in the past year and Mary Jane McCrory for ringing a bell after each name. For all who laid wreaths in honor of our deceased veterans. For the Military Rifle Salute by Belleville's VFW and PLAV

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followed by Taps performed by Ross Medos, VFW #4434. To Steve Jones who provided us with the audio system.

Also thank you to all the Brown Funeral Home staff and friends that came out to help. A special thank you goes out to all that came out to ride or came out to the service in honor of our veterans.

Sincerely,

Mary Martinez & Kathie Steigerwald Brown Family Center, Belleville

Thanks to all employees of Van Buren Schools

To the Editor:

My sincere thanks to all of the employees of Van Buren Public Schools for the sacrifices they've made this year to help not only keep our district open, but to keep our district moving forward.

Our bargaining units are the best in the world, and I truly wish I could personally thank each and every one of you for putting our kids first.

My hat is off to all of you! You are an amazing group of people!

Toni L. Hunt Treasurer, Van Buren Public Schools

Here's an idea for pizza delivery safety

To the Editor:

When the pizza delivery person comes to the house to deliver pizza, he should blow the horn once and the customer should put the porch light on and come to the door. This is for safety purposes.

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More Letters

'Unity in Community' a positive action in VBT

To the Editor:

On June 3, 2012, I attended a celebratory picnic that was hosted by the Mission Pointe on the Lake Subdivision, to unite a community of homeowners including the new members of this community.

The menu was simple, hotdogs, chips, popcorn, and soft drinks. The children had "Bouncy House" and animal-shaped balloons, which kept them engaged for hours. The camaraderie was infectious and the homeowners talked about, their families, their community, and their expectations for the future.

"Unity in the Community" is my tag-line for unity gatherings and all the positive opportunities in Van Buren Township. This concept is a collaborative initiative set-up for revitalizing neighborhoods and addressing persistent inequities. This positive social change also enhances sustaining unity in the community among individuals and groups that prepare our youths for successful futures through our parents, extended family, friends, and our schools.

Empowerment is a characteristic of a healthy community which addresses social changes. Empowerment is also a process in which individuals, families, and communities can strive to improve their

A strategy for engaging a community is to develop healthy features such as a community that can take action to improve their life situations. Relatable examples are to strategically promote fiscally responsible government, maintain public safety, encourage community development and bring vision and civility to public governance. This model develops innovation and solutions which builds trusting relationships in our community across all political lines.

Thanking you in advance, Brenda McClanahan Van Buren Township

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Obituaries



Bernice M. Bachman

BERNICE MARGARET BACHMAN

(June 25, 1922 - May 29, 2012)

Bernice Margaret Bachman, age 89, passed away peacefully at Cedar Woods Assisted Living facility, May 30, 2012. She was born June 25, 1922 to the late Kirk and Mabel (Healey) Bassett, in Rock Creek, Minnesota.

She was a member of Cornerstone Baptist Church of Canton, MI. She was very devoted to God and her family and loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and great-grandchild. She liked to volunteer with the Seniors at church. She loved to cook and enjoyed her yard full of flowers and

Bernice is survived by her sons James (Julie) of Hiawatha, KS, Gerald (Lois) of Belleville and Daniel (Debbie) of Tombstone, AZ: daughters Margaret (James) Swaffer of Clark Lake, MI, Barbara Tompkins of Belleville and daughterin-law Lana Bachman of Wyandotte, MI; 15 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild; two brothers, James Bassett of Taylor, MI and LeRoy (Barbara) Bassett of Romulus, MI; and two sisters Shirley Hamm of Texas and Dorothy of Westland, MI. She was preceded in death by her loving husband James Bachman, her son David Bachman, two brothers Gerald Bassett and Norman Bassett also two sisters, Virginia Lange and Lois Driver and a granddaughter Becky Swaffer.

Visitation was held at the David C. Brown Funeral Home June 5 from 2 to 8 PM. Her funeral service was held at the funeral home June 6, 2012 at 11:00AM. Pastor Jeff Glass

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan or the hospice of your choice and would be appreciated by the family. Please sign Bernices's on-line guest book and share a memory with her family at www. davidcbrownfh.com



Mable Robinson

MABLE ROBINSON

(September 8, 1924 - May 30, 2012)

Mable Robinson, age 87 of Belleville, passed away May 30, 2012 at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, MI.

She was born September 8, 1924 in Buchanan County, Virginia, to the late Claude and Amanda

She is survived by two sons; Frank (Debbie) Robinson of Mansfield, Ohio, Tom (Tammy) Robinson of Romulus, MI, and a daughter Carol (John) Partin of Romulus, MI; 12 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren and 2 great-greatgrandchildren; also survived by four brothers Joe (Onis) Cook, Clyde Stacey, Adam (Rosie) Stacey, Jr. and Bill (Margaret) Stacey; and three sisters Bertha (Ward) Goodwin, Mary (Casey) Solliel and Ruby Cornette.

Mable retired from the Ford Rawsonville plant in 1989 after many years of dedicated service. She was an active member of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed Golfing and liked to crochet items for her family. Mable was very devoted to her church, the Church of God - Mountain Assembly and her family.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband George in 1972 and three brothers.

Visitation was held on Sunday, June 3 from 2-8 PM. Her funeral service was held at David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville, MI. on Monday, June 4, 2012 at 11:00 AM, with Reverend Ray DeLong officiating. Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion and would be appreciated by the family. Please sign her online guest book and share a memory for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

LINDA LOU LAWS

(March 14, 1947 - June 4, 2012)

Age 65 of Romulus. Survived by husband Damon, daughters Patricia and Adreanna, son Damon, 8 grandchildren, 3 brothers, 2 sisters. Visitation at David C. Brown Funeral Home at 4:30 p.m. June 7 with service at 6 p.m.

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JoAnn (Stedman) Marvicsin

JoAnn (Stedman) Marvicsin December 23, 1938 - May 30, 2012

JoAnn was born in Detroit, Michigan and lived in Romulus all of her life. She attended Romulus High School and was a member of the Class of 1957. She attended Wayne County Community College where she aspired to study hospitality and hotel management. In her youth, she was a dancer, studying all forms of dance from ballet, tap, and jazz. She was also a proud cheerleader for the Romulus Eagles.

She was married to Wesley R. Marvicsin, Sr. for 42 years where they had three children: Wesley Roger Jr., Abby Lynn, and Amy Lee.

She worked at Fisher Body in the 1960s. In the 1970s, she was a librarian at Barth Elementary School. She served countless volunteer hours for the Special Olympics, ARC of Western-Wayne County, Romulus Community Schools, Aquinas High School, and the St. Louis School for the Mentally Disabled. She also served as a librarian and aide for the Romulus Head Start

In the 1980s, she held positions as both Treasurer and Vice-President of the Romulus School Board and served for over 10 years. She also was on the board of the ARC of Western-Wayne County and was an advocate for the rights of the mentally disabled, including being a group home monitor.

In the 1990s, she worked at Leer. In her life, she

gained many friends and had many fulfilling experiences. She became an avid bowler and golfer, and enjoyed event planning, music, travel, and many types of crafts.

She was preceded in death by her Father Ellis Stedman, mother Gwena (Knight Stedman) Gill. step-father Thomas Gill, and her brothers Elmer "Gene" Stedman and Charles "Ed" Stedman. Loving thoughts are sent from her ex-husband Wesley Marvicsin, Sr.; children Wesley Marvicsin, Jr., Abby Block, Amy McIntosh; grandchildren Jon Taylor, Konnor McIntosh, Kamryn McIntosh; son-in-law Robin Block; ex-son-in-law Terry McIntosh, Jr.; brother and sister-in-law Gerald "Jerry" and Sally

Donations may be sent in her name to the ARC of Western-Wayne County and/or the American Cancer Society. Arrangements were by Crain Funeral Home, Romulus.



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Rachel Girard graduates from Widener University

Rachel Girard of Belleville received a master's degree in human sexuality education during the commencement ceremony at Widener University in Chester,

PA on May 12.

The university presented degrees to graduates from August 2011, December 2011 and May 2012 during the ceremony.

Birthdays

June 1 – Shawn Teper

June 3 – Les Powell

June 4 – Willie Sanders

June 5 – Wesley Pickell

June 8 – Danica Broome

June 10 – Bob Todd

June 11 – Duane Hines

June 18 – Patty Hines

June 20 – Charley Crispell

June 21 – Joe Posegay June 25 – Joyce Gant

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anyone you know have a June birthday? Call the *Independent* at 699-9020 and let us know. We'll list it in this column ASAP following your call. There is no charge.

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Charlene Eller earns certificate from WCCC

Charlene (Frisch) Eller of Belleville graduated from Wayne County Community College on June 2 with a Logistics Management Certificate.

She graduated with a 3.76 Grade Point Average, *Magna Cum Laude*, and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

Stephen Bohlen named to Lawrence Tech honor roll

Stephen Bohlen of Belleville has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the Spring 2012 semester at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. Bohlen is majoring in Architecture.

To be named to the honor roll a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average for the term.

Donna Dent earns degree at Cleary Univ.

Donna Dent of Belleville has graduated with honors from Cleary University in Howell. She received an Associate in Business Administration in Business Enterprise.

A total of 95 students were recognized at the summer commencement, held annually at the Lloyd & Mabel Johnson Center for Business & Community Excellence.

ROBERT DANIEL BOGARDUS

(June 1, 1927 - May 26, 2012)

Robert Daniel Bogardus (Bogie) of Munith, MI and formerly of Belleville was born on June 1, 1927 to the late Daniel and Amanda Bogardus in Jackson, MI. Bogie died on May 26, 2012 peacefully at his home, after a short battle with cancer.

Obituaries

Robert Bogardus

He is survived by his wife of 64 years Ruth; sons Robert Jr. (Noel), Steve (Jamie) and Doug; daughter Sue (Bill) Parraghi; 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his infant daughter Linda, granddaughter Danielle, brother George and his best friends Vince Buck and Bob Courter.

Bogie loved spending time with his family and friends, especially Denny Przystup; living on the lake; working at the golf course; collecting John Wayne memorabilia and watching Westerns. He was proud to be a Navy veteran and was loved by many; he will be missed and remembered for his quick wit and many tales.

Cremation has taken place and Bogie's memorial guestbook can be signed at www.niefuneralhomes.com. A celebration of life will be held privately at a later date.



LARRY O BOELTER

Larry O Boelter, formerly of Belleville, passed away on Friday, May 25, 2012 in his home in Bell, Florida. He was 70 years old, having been born in 1942 in Ypsilanti. His parents, the late Walter and Elsa Boelter and Larry lived in Romulus his first two years and then moved to Belleville.

Larry graduated from Belleville High School in 1960. He attended Michigan State University and then served in the U.S. Air Force. His tour of duty was during the Vietnam era and he served in Thailand where he was assigned to a very small and select top-secret group who worked on and helped develop high altitude surveillance that is in use today. He was very excited to be working on this project; however, because it was top secret, he could not talk about it or tell anyone, much to his dismay.

Upon his discharge from the military, he became the owner and operator of Boelter's Welding Co. and later renamed the company Boelter's Diversified Services. Larry was a businessman, a mechanic, a welder, a fabricator and a builder, as well as a transporter of rare and special-interest automobiles. After more than 40 years of running his own business, he retired to his present home in Bell, Florida.

His wife of 32 years Donna Boelter survives. He also has a step-daughter Kim who lives in Texas and an Aunt Bernice of Belleville, as well as several cousins in Michigan.

His body has been cremated and there will be a service at Christian Fellowship Community Church, located on Hwy. 129, Bell, Florida, at 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, 2012.

Tyelon Yharbrough completes Marine basic training at Parris Island

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Marine Corps Pvt. Tyelon B. Yharbrough, a 2007 graduate of Belleville High School, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Yharbrough and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a. m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Yharbrough spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close-order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Yharbrough and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values -- honor, courage and commitment, and what the core values mean inguiding personal and professional conduct.

Yharbrough and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

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Birth

Welcome, Seth Levi Willick



Richard Lee and Shelly Ann (Brown) Willick are pleased to announce the arrival of Seth Levi Willick, who was born Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at 10:12 a.m. at Mott Children's Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. Seth weighed 5 lbs., 11.7 oz. and was 19 inches long. Seth was also welcomed home by big brothers Izaha Lewis and Luke Charles Willick, big sister Madison Kim Willick, grandparents Dave and Marti Brown and Bob and Jean Willick, and Aunt Amy (Kevin) Hinks.

SW Wayne County Democratic Club announces endorsements

The Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club, with membership approval, has endorsed the following Democratic Candidates for the Aug. 7 Primary Election:

Mich. Rep. 21st district - Dian Slavens Mich. Rep. 23rd district - Tom Boritzki Mich. Rep. 17th district - Jim Pedersen Wayne County Circuit Court: Three open seats - choose 3: Dana Hathaway, Jane Gillis, Brian Morrow

PAC: Wendy Ann Baxter, (I) running with PAC for Wayne County Circuit Court

Sumpter Township:

Supervisor - Johnny Vawters

Clerk - no endorsement

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Trustee - Alan Bates

Trustee - William Hamm

Trustee - Peggy Morgan

Trustee - Don Swinson

Van Buren Township:

Supervisor - Paul White

Clerk - Leon Wright

Treasurer - John Herman

Trustee - Al Ostrowski

Trustee - Denise Partridge

Trustee - Jeff Jahr

Trustee - Angela Nettro

Huron Township:

Supervisor - Elke Doom

The Southwestern Wayne Democratic Club also endorses the following candidates

U.S. President: Barack Obama

U.S. Senate - Carl Levin:

U.S. House - John Dingell

U.S. Senate - Debbie Stabenow

Wayne County:

Wayne County Prosecutor - Kym L. Worthy

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Michigan Supreme Court - Shelia Johnson, Connie M. Kelley, Bridget M. McCormack

Michigan State University - Joel Ferguson, Brian Mosallam

University of Michigan -

Mark Bernstein, Shauna Ryder Diggs

Wayne State University - Sandra Hughes O'Brien, Kim Trent

State Board of Education - Michelle Fecteau, Lupe Ramos-Montigny

Protect our Jobs Ballot Initiative:



Thunder Over Michigan adds FA/2 Harrier to air show lineup

By Bob Mytych Independent Sports Editor The only civilian-owned FA/2 Harrier

jump jet in the world will be flying over the skies of Belleville at the Thunder Over Michigan Air Show Aug. 4-5. Art Nalls, a member of Warbirds of

America, began flying his Sea Harrier aircraft at air shows in 2008.

This year's show at Willow Run Airport is dubbed Mustang Mania, which will feature over 15, P-51-D Mustangs, with more aircraft added to the line-up as the event draws near. A WWII battle re-enactment will take place as well as a performance by an F-86F Saber "Smokey," a prime fighter that dominated the skies during the Korean War. New additions to the list of static display aircraft include the A-10 Warthog.

Tickets can be purchased on-line for this summer's event at \$20 if purchased by June 17, \$25 between June 18 and Aug. 5, and \$30 at the gate. General parking is \$5 in advance and \$10 at the gate. Kids 15 and under are free. For information, visit the air show's website through the Yankee Air Force Museum's website at www. yankeeairmuseum.org.

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Vincent E. Warren announces bid for Sumpter Supervisor

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

Vincent Evan Warren, 42, a three-year resident of Dunn Road, announces his candidacy for the position of Sumpter Township Supervisor.



He is running against incumbent Supervisor Johnny Vawters in the Aug. 7 primary election, where the race will be decided since both contenders are Democrats.

Warren said he does not think Vawters is doing a bad job as supervisor. He said Vawters did things to

the best of his ability but now it's time to take the township "to the next level".

Warren is married to Cindy Warren and they have seven children: Vincent B., Lauren, Alicia, Miranda, Evan, Isaiah, and Jeremiah. They also have a grandson, Antoine Cannon. They moved here from Oakland County.

Warren graduated from Clinton Street Academy in Detroit and immediately joined the Navy, serving 1988-91. He was a cook on the U.S.S. Iowa battleship. Six months after boot camp he came home and married Cindy, a longtime friend. They both grew up in Christian families who knew each other.

He was in the Persian Gulf when Bush, Sr. was President, he said.

While onboard the Iowa, he was present when 47 of his comrades died after a turret exploded in an accident on April 19, 1990. He became a Religious Petty Officer, someone men just came to talk to. The death of so many of the sailors at once was hard for the crew to deal with and every April he is reminded of it.

After he left the military, he said he had a pull to get into Human Services and became a substance abuse counselor at the Veterans Administration in Ann Arbor, helping and counseling the homeless, feeding the homeless, and housing them.

He and his wife both are working on their master's degrees in Human Services.

Warren said he gets a sense of satisfaction from helping people. Sometimes the help is just being able to refer people to the proper agencies for county, state, and federal programs.

"I need to help people and that's why I'm running, not just to have the title of Supervisor," Warren said.

Warren said people in the community don't know him yet, but he will be going door to door to meet and talk with residents.

He said he wants to be transparent and, "My life is on the table... I want to do a really good job" for the township.

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Martin Kalasz announces bid for Sumpter Trustee post

Dear Editor and Sumpter Township Voters,

My name is Martin R. Kalasz, better known as "Marty". I am announcing my candidacy as a Democrat, for the office of Sumpter Township Trustee.



I was born and raised in Sumpter Township, served four years in the U.S. Navy, and recently retired as a truck driver from Teamsters Local 299.

I have been very active in our community throughout my life. In our to being a volunteer firefighter

addition to being a volunteer firefighter for 40-plus years, I helped to organize the Sumpter Firefighters' Haunted House, have been a Sumpter Goodfellow for 40 plus years, have chaired and co-chaired both the Parks and Recreation and Sumpter Country Fest Committees, along with the Sumpter Social Civic Club Bingo. I am a member of VFW Post 4434 and PLAV Post 167. I am also active with the Southwestern Wayne Democratic Club and the Sumpter Democratic Caucus Club.

I would like to continue my service with the community by serving as a Trustee on our Township Board. I feel I have a very good understanding of critical township issues and look forward to representing all the citizens of Sumpter Township in an elected capacity.

2012 is a very important election year. Please make sure you are registered to vote and know where your precinct is located. Please make the right choice for Sumpter Township Trustee on Aug. 7 and elect Marty Kalasz as Democratic candidate for Trustee.

Thank you for your consideration, Martin (Marty) Kalasz

Bill LaVoy announces candidacy for 17th District State Rep.

Bill LaVoy, a lifelong resident of Monroe County, announces his candidacy for the new 17th District State Representative. This district includes the cities of Monroe, Flat Rock and Rockwood as well as the townships of Sumpter, Frenchtown, Berlin, Ash, Exeter, London, and a small portion of Monroe Township.

LaVoy said he is dedicated to being, "Your Voice in State Government".

His priorities are: Restore Funding for Public Schools, Protect and Preserve the Great Lakes, Bring Business to Michigan to Create Jobs, and Ensure Fiscal Responsibility.

He is married to Michelle Degraer

and they have two daughters, Grace and Carolyn. His parents are William LaVoy, former Circuit Court Judge, and Carolyn, former principal of Orchard Alternative High School. They have both instilled into him the belief of working hard and giving back to the community.

LaVoy attended St. Michael's Grade School and Monroe Catholic Central High School. He continued his education at the University of Michigan. He brings back to Monroe County the knowledge and discipline he learned to use in the community as the Executive Director of Monroe Public Access Cable Television (MPACT). LaVoy has built partnerships with educational institutions and local governments across MonroeCounty.

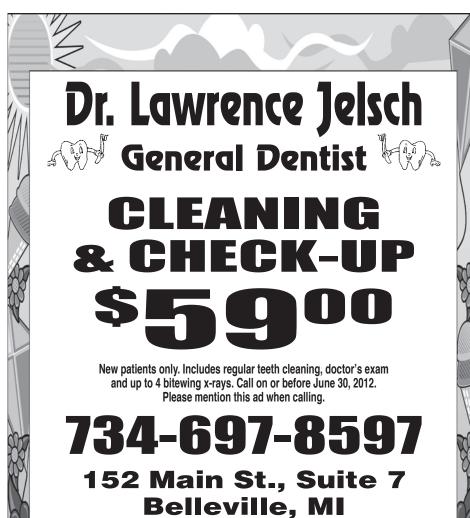
He served on many boards such as the City

of Monroe Airport Board and the Monroe Cable Television Committee. As a member of the Rotary Club of Monroe he served as President and on the Board of Directors. He also chaired the Major Firms Division of the *United Way* during the 2011 Campaign.

LaVoy is a life member of the National Rifle Association and North American Hunting Club. Additionally, he holds memberships in Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Ducks Unlimited Monroe County Rod and Gun Club, Monroe Golf and Country Club and the Michigan Democratic Party. He and his family are members of St. Michael's Catholic Church.

LaVoy's press release said he is a "caring dedicated, community minded, responsible person who wants to be... "Your Voice in State Government."





Meet Him @ Church Message paid for by a member of the Catholic Church.

Sumpter Twp. Police investigate brutal sexual assault Sunday morning

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

Sumpter Township Police are investigating the brutal sexual assault of a resident in the 18100 block of Elwell Road at about 2 a.m. Sunday.

Det. John Toth said a woman, with two

small sleeping children, had a feeling someone was outside her home and she was texting with the neighbors who looked around but didn't see anyone. They suggested she call the police.

She didn't call the police and about an hour later someone knocked on her door, which is not unusual since she is close friends with the neighbors next door who go back and forth.

She opened the door and immediately was assaulted and knocked unconscious and beaten. The children slept behind their closed bedroom door during the assault.

The woman called police and was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital at 5 a.m., where she was treated and released about seven hours later.

Det. Toth said a Criminal Sexual Conduct

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kit was secured and the crime scene was processed for evidence that might contain DNA with the hopes of putting together a DNA profile.

Det. Toth warned residents to be alert to late-night, unannounced visitors. He suggested using yard lights to illuminate surroundings and look out the window to see who is at the door before opening it.

He said people should not hesitate to call the police if they are not sure who is outside their door.

Pending case, guilty pleas

Det. Toth reported the pizza delivery robbery suspect has waived his preliminary exam at 34th District Court and has been bound over to Circuit Court for trial.

Also, the men who were arrested for stealing metal plaques from veterans' tombstones have pled guilty, Toth said.

Van Buren Twp. to consider K2 (Spice) ban

Van Buren Township Director of Public Safety Carl McClanahan on Tuesday told the township board that he is researching an emergency ordinance banning the sale of K2 (Spice) and other synthetic designer drugs in the township.

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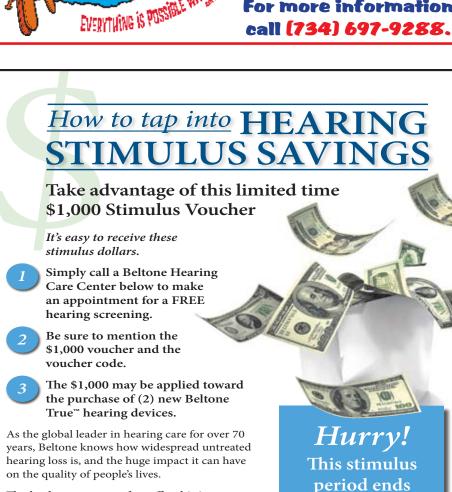


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Nicole Tyrna graduates from New England School of Law in Boston

Nicole Tyrna, a 2005 graduate of Belleville High School and a 2009 graduate of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, was part of the 101st graduating class of the New England School of Law in Boston, Massachusetts.

The ceremonies took place May 25 at the Wang Theatre in downtown Boston. Nicole was delighted to have family and friends from Michigan, Ohio, California, and Boston to witness her graduation.

Nicole's parents, Gene and Claudia Tyrna of Belleville, are proud of all four of their children, with a 13-year age difference. The oldest, Heather, started college in 1992, so it took 20 years for all four children to complete their educations.

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7 Michigan hospitals honored in annual 100 top hospitals list

On April 17, Thomson Reuters released its annual study identifying the 100 top U.S. hospitals based on their overall organizational performance.

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under "Teaching Hospitals", Munson Medical Center in Traverse City and Beaumont Hospital in Troy.

Under "Medium Community Hospitals" was Holland Hospital in Holland, MI, and under "Small Community Hospitals" was Spectrum Health United Memorial

in Greenville, Mercy Hospital Cadillac in Cadillac, and St. Joseph Health System in Tawas City.

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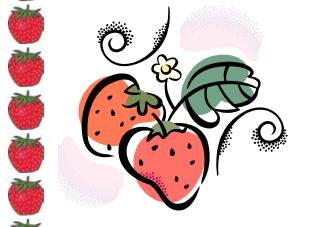
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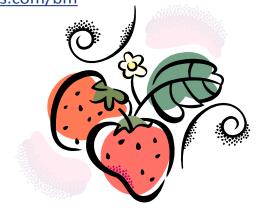
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On May 25, Walter and Kathalein Chudzinski of Van Buren Township celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary. They were married on a Friday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Belleville with a three-day reception at the Sumpter PNA Hall. They are blessed with four children (James, Ronald, Karen Sturtz and Susan Gallaway) and eight Grandchildren (Trevor, Joshua, Kristyn, Zachary, Rachel, Jacob, Alexander and Allyson), who would like to say HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, Grandpa & Grandma!

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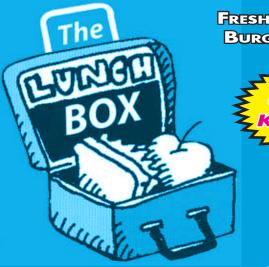
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Diane Madigan announces for VBT Trustee position

Dear Van Buren Township Voters:

My name is Diane Madigan and I am a Democratic candidate for Trustee in the August 7, 2012 Primary Election. As



your representative, I will work to put the SERVICE back into Public Service

Since 2009, I have served as an appointed volunteer on the VBT Public Safety Committeeandcurrently

Madigan Committeeandcurrently elected chairperson. I have actively brought your safety, animal welfare, and budget concerns to the committee, resulting in the creation of ordinances and policy changes. For your safety, I have actively pushed to maintain patrol levels in the police department and for the training of more oncall firefighters for quicker response times. Our tax dollars are paying for two well-equipped fire stations and I believe both should be adequately staffed at all times.

As a Lifetime Member of a National nonprofit volunteer organization that promotes the responsible breeding and training of the German Shepherd Dog, I was elected to the Board and volunteered in a number of positions, including National Secretary for 5 years. For over 30 years I have been an animal advocate and have trained competitive obedience and tracking dogs. Because of my dedication to animals and their well-being, I became involved in the township's animal control policies and practices. I will continue to insist on accountability and responsibility in providing services, and will represent you in preserving your rights to responsible animal ownership.

I will support businesses that will better serve the community both now and in the future. Being an independent thinker, I will research every topic brought before the Board and continue to be a source of information and support for our residents.

I was raised in Allen Park, Michigan with 8 siblings, attended St. Frances Cabrini Schools and had some college at WCCC. I worked for several years in the medical field as an AFSCME employee at Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn, in Labor and Delivery and at Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, in the Drafting Department.

I have been married to Carl Johnson, Ph.D. for 33 years and have lived in Van Buren Township for 22 years. Carl is currently a volunteer on VBT's Planning Commission. We have enjoyed living in Van Buren Township, watching the neighborhoods change, the business move in, and we would like to be assured we have the services to maintain Van Buren Township as a Great Place to Live.

Any questions comments, or wishes of support please contact me at 734-699-9207 or online at: DianeMadiganVBT@aol.

Thanks for your vote, Diane



David Koscielny receives degree from Marietta College in Ohio

David Koscielny of Van Buren Township was among more than 300 students who received diplomas at Marietta College's 175th graduation ceremony on May 13 in the Dyson Baudo Recreation Center.

David completed requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Petroleum Engineering.

He was on the Athletic Director's Honor Roll, 2010, '11, '12 for Varsity Tennis, 2009-12 and Varsity Soccer, 2007-09.

Agraduate of Plymouth Christian Academy, Canton, David is a current member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, American Association of Drilling Engineers, Appalachian Chapter, and has earned Wild Well Control Certification.

David's proud parents are Wanda and Thomas Koscielny.

Girl reports men ask her to get in their vehicle in Country Pond Sub.

At about 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 30, a 14-year-old girl said three Hispanic subjects – including two males — in a silver four-door car approached her and asked her to get in the vehicle with them in the Country Pond Subdivision in Van Buren Township.

The girl ran home and the subjects left the area. Any further incidents should be reported to the VBT Police Department at 699-8930.



Chamber seeks golfers, sponsors for annual golf outing June 14

By Bob Mytych

Independent Sports Editor

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce is still in need of participants and sponsors for its annual golf outing, set for June 14 at the Pine View Golf Course in Ypsilanti.

The cost is \$85 for golfers and \$27 for dinner only. The entry fee covers 18 holes, power cart, lunch, dinner, and 2 drink tickets. Contests include 50/50, closest-to-the-pin, longest drive, skins, and mulligans, and a beat-the-pro contest.

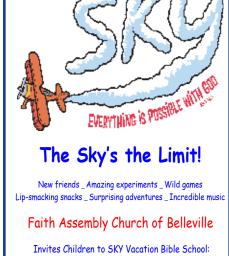
Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. prior to the 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Dinner and awards is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Sponsorships are also available from tee



signs for \$100 to the main event sponsorship at \$2,500. Sponsorships in the program are also available at \$300. Sponsorship deadline is June 12. To learn more, call Chamber Director Rachel Hearn at (734) 697-7151 or visit the chamber's website at www.bellevilleareachamber.org.





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Belleville OKs plan for upgrades to Village Park with county parks funds

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

Village Park, Belleville largest city park, will be getting a shelter and several outdoor fitness stations.

At Monday's regular meeting, the City Council approved an agreement with Wayne County for a total of \$18,000 for the park amenities, coming from the parks millage paid by taxpayers throughout Wayne County.

The steel picnic shelter or resting station is estimated to cost \$16,000, with about \$2,000 for outdoor fitness equipment.

In a letter to the county, City Manager Diane Kollmeyer said if the city can get the shelter up for less, any remaining funds will be used to purchase additional fitness

Kollmeyer told the council that earlier this year the county called and said the city will have \$18,000 in parks funding and so she, the mayor, DPW Director, Downtown Development Authority director, and Parks and Recreation Commission sat down to figure out what to do with the money.

She said they decided a small, indestructible shelter and workout stations would be good, so they moved forward.

Councilman Brian Blackburn said the playground equipment at Village Park is in dire need of replacement. Kollmeyer said that would cost from \$100,000 to \$125,000 and the county will not be giving out big

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grants like that again. The county now is giving little grants to communities, she said.

Former City Councilman George Chedraue said while he thinks it is great to improve the parks, he is confused. He said the city is wanting to tear the skate park down because drug dealing is going on there.

"What's to keep them from moving from the skate park to the new shelter?" he

Kollmeyer said the problem with the skatepark is that it's not visible and Village Park is mostly visible. She said this is the city's largest park and it's totally undeveloped.

Chedraue pointed out that they haven't determined where the workout stations will be, so they can't say they will be visible.

Councilwoman Kim Tindall said she has the same concerns as Chedraue. If the stations will be put back by the pond, it is difficult to see from the road.

Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria said that residents in some of the homes can see the back areas and if the moms and dads see problems, they will call the police.

"I think it will be self-policing," Loria

"The more people who use it, the more it will police itself," Kollmeyer said of the

When it was time to vote on the contract

with the county, Mayor Kerreen Conley reminded the council that she will be abstaining on any votes concerning Wayne County since she is employed by the county. She was authorized to sign the contract, however.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the council:

- Approved the closing a portion of High Street for Grace Baptist Church's annual Fourth of July picnic from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., so children can play without worrying about traffic by the church;
- · Approved an updated fee schedule, which includes an increase to \$50 for a resident to have the mayor conduct a wedding ceremony, \$75 for non-residents, and \$100 for out-of-town ceremonies;
- Rescinded Ordinance 01-018 on rules and regulations for Police Reserves that was enacted during Police Chief Paul Davis' leadership and includes criminal penalties for not following rules. Other policies and procedures still govern the Reserves;
- Approved recognizing BAARC (Belleville Area Animal Rescue Committee) as a non-profit, 501c3 group so it can get a permit from the state to hold a raffle during Strawberry Festival;
- Heard Kollmeyer say she still hasn't heard from Wayne County about closing the skate park;
- Heard a report on the use of K-2 (Spice) from Tom Fielder, who is chairman of Growth Works. Recent cases have brought the dangerous substance into public view. He said Growth Works is trying to form a pilot program with Livonia to work on the economics of selling the substance, to make anyone who sells it brought to the public attention. Signs saying this business does not sell K-2 have been working in Oakland County. Fielder said that Ken Brooks who is active with Growth Works, said Van Buren Township sent out the undercover officers throughout the township and found K-2 was sold everywhere. It currently is legal. Fielder said the state has a pot of medicare

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money available to treat youth who are addicted, but the Wayne County Executive has determined once the youth is in the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system. he is no longer eligible for medicare and the money should be applied to the prisoner's debt for incarceration;

- · Approved accounts payable of \$258,103.98 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to McCoig Concrete, \$698 for foundations in the cemetery; and to GMS Sealcoating. \$1,700 for restriping, paid by general fund
- · Heard Mayor Conley announce that Diana Kollmeyer had marked 14 years working for the city last Friday. Mayor Conley, who was then city manager, hired Kollmeyer to be clerk;
- Heard resident John Juriga, who is also a member of the district library board, remind the council that the board president had asked the city to donate property some time ago and never got a response. "I think we need closure on this issue," Juriga said and Mayor Conley replied, "I agree";
- Heard Fire Chief Brian Loranger report that 24 people took a boater safety class at the fire hall sponsored by BYC and put on by the Coast Guard Auxiliary;
- Went into executive session to discuss pending litigation and then came out into open session to approve the MMRMA (insurance) attorney's recommendation to negotiate a settlement in the slip and fall case of Dorothea Hollis vs. City of Belleville. The complainant said she fell on the city sidewalk by the Chase bank drive-
- Went back into executive session to consider a communication from the city attorney which is subject to attorney-client privilege.

Belleville City Council approves \$2,031,972 balanced budget

At Monday's regular meeting, the Belleville City Council approved a \$2,031,972 balanced budget for the 2012-13 fiscal year beginning July 1.

The council also approved budget amendments to the 2011-12 budget that is ending up better than expected, allowing \$10,279 to be put into the fund balance. instead of taking out \$853 to balance the budget, as was forecast.

Molly Goike of Plante Moran financial consultants said the cemetery is doing better than expected. The city had planned to subsidize it by \$30,861, but only \$17,500

The street funds did better because of a mild winter, the insurance from the house fire was used to demolish the building and pay off the amount owed for the property, state revenues are \$88,246 higher than projected, and district court revenues are





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Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



Congratulations to the Belleville A & W Restaurant for being named Business of the Year by the Belleville Chamber of Commerce during award announcements at the chamber's annual dock party held last week. Other winners included Ted Kuckleman Community Service Award to Clarence and Sharron Russell, and the Leona Van Buhler Chamber Member of the Year Award to Alicia Mcgovern.

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Jim Pedersen, Democratic candidate for State Representative, will be holding a meet the candidate event on Monday, June 11, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the Tin Pan Restaurant on Sumpter Road. The community is invited.

The **Belleville Charhouse** on Main Street is celebrating its 1-year anniversary next week with new breakfast specials and some exciting new lunch and dinner menu items, starting June 11. See their ad for the details. Congratulations **John & Cindy Dakis.**

**

The Romulus Historical Society will be holding its annual Flea Market on Saturday, June 23, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Romulus Historic Park. If you have stuff to sell, then the cost is \$15 for set up (bring a table) Call (734) 941-6361.

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The strawberries are ready for picking at **Rowe's Produce Farm & Farm Market** on Martz Road just west of Rawsonville Road. They're open Monday- Saturday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. For up-to-the-minute picking conditions, call (734) 482-8538 or visit www.rowesproducefarm.com.

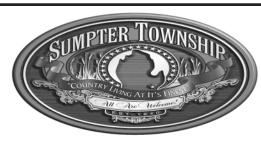
First United Methodist Church on Charles Street in Belleville will be hosting Sky Vacation Bible School June 18-22, from 9 a.m. to noon each day. The event is free. For information call (734) 697-9288.

Next week's edition of the *Independent* will feature our Strawberry Festival, with our own custom illustrated front cover and other exciting stuff inside. We'll have (hopefully) the jam-packed parade line-up and everything else you'll need to know. There's no better time to start advertising in Belleville's real hometown newspaper than in next week's paper.

The *Independent* has expanded its latest advertising promotion featuring free color. We call it our *Show Your Stripes* promotion. Now thru July 5, if you double the size of your display ad (or larger) for 4 weeks or more, you'll get free color. If you're not a current advertiser, but thinking about it, simply advertise in Belleville's real hometown newspaper for 2 months in color and get 1 month of color for free. Call me for the details at (734) 699-9020.

Sumpter Township Public Notice





SUMPTER TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT 2011 Water Quality Report

Our department is proud of the fine drinking water it provides and is honored to provide this report to you. The 2011 annual Consumer Confidence Report on Water Quality show the sources of our water, lists the results of our tests, and contains important information about water and health. The Sumpter Township Water and Sewer Department will notify you immediately if there is ever any reason from concern about our water. We are pleased to show you how we have surpassed water quality standards as mandated by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The State and EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to insure its safety.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health."

Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Sumpter Township is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Where does my water come from?

Your source water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River,

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Detroit River, Rouge River, Ecorse River, in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment in 2004 to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very low" to "very high" based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our Detroit River source water intakes were determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards. DWSD has initiated source-water protection activities that include chemical containment, spill response, and a mercury reduction program. DWSD participates in a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan. If you would like to know more information about this report or a complete copy of this report please, contact your water department (734)461-6201 ext. 242.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than is the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

For additional information check out these websites:

Sumpter Township-sumptertwp.com
American Water Works Association-awwa.org
State of Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality-michigan.gov
Southeastern Michigan Council of governments-semcog.org

Or for more information or a printed copy of this report please contact:

Sumpter Township Water and Sewer Department 23480 Sumpter Road Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 461-6201 ext. 242

Southwest Water Treatment Plant 2011 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Inorganic Chen	Inorganic Chemicals – Annual Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap							
Fluoride	8/14/2011	ppm	4	4	0.77	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	8/14/2011	ppm	10	10	0.21	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	6/9/2008	ppm	2	2	0.01	n/a	no	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Disinfectant Re	siduals and	Disinfed	tion By-P	roducts – Mo	nitoring in	Distribution	System	
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	Feb-Nov 2011	ppb	n/a	80	33.1	11.9 – 49.2	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	Feb-Nov 2011	ppb	n/a	60	16.8	10.3 – 26.0	no	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Disinfectant (Total Chlorine) Residual)	Jan-Dec 2011	ppm	MRDGL 4	MRDL 4	0.77	0.60 - 0.86	no	Water additive used to control microbes.

2011 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap							
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water				
0.3 NTU	100%	no	Soil Runoff				
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.							

Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, June 7** The Evening Book Group meets at the library at 7 p.m. This month's book: "State of Wonder" by Ann Patchett.
- Friday, June 8 Free Outdoor Family Movie Night at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Road, New Boston, 734-654-9020. Gathering at 8 p.m., movie begins at 8:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.
- Saturday, June 9 Family Fishing Fun Day at Crosswinds Marsh, 9 a.m.-noon, no pre-registration required. FREE. Put on by Wayne County Parks & Recreation and Van Buren Township Parks & Recreation as part of DNR's Free Fishing Weekend. Prizes for biggest fish. Crafts for kids.
- Saturday, June 9 Fish Photo and Tall Tale Contest on Belleville Lake at Horizon Park in the City of Belleville, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sponsored by Belleville Area Council for the Arts and downtown businesses. Dock fishing, fish stories, hot dogs and drinks. Have your photo taken with your big catch for free. Pictures will be displayed downtown. Fishing licenses not required. Information: 734-231-3289.
- Sunday, June 10 The monthly fund-raising dinner of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts will have a home-cooked Summer BBQ menu, served from noon to 5 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, Main Street at High, Belleville. Adult meals \$9 each; children 10 and under \$5; carry-outs available.
- Monday, June 11 Cruisin' on the Bayou car show on Main Street in Belleville, 6-9 p.m.
 - Thursday, June 14 Popular garden speaker Janet Macunovich will present "Can't Judge that Plant by its Cover" at 7 p.m. in the Belleville Area District Library. Free. She will talk about some garden plants, from the favorite to the obscure, to glean fun and useful information about their care, history and uses.
 - Friday, June 15 to Sunday, June 17 – Strawberry Festival in downtown Belleville, St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, and Belleville Presbyterian Church
 - Saturday, June 16 Strawberry Festival Parade, 11 a.m., preceded by Rotary Strawberry Pancake Breakfast at St. Anthony Catholic Church.
 - Monday, June 18 State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, invites constituents for a cup of coffee from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Belleville Charhouse, 524 Main. Tell her what you think.
 - Monday, June 18 Cruisin' on the Bayou car show on Main Street in Belleville, 6-9 p.m.

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Registration under way for Summer Reading Programs at library

Registration is under way for the Belleville Area District Library's

summer reading programs for children through adults.

The Preschool Read To Me program will take place on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., beginning June 20 with Jammin' in our Jammies with the Music Lady, June 27 with Folktales From Around the World, July 11 with the Gratitude Steel Band, July 18 with Storyteller Tanya Dallas, and July 25 with Starfish Planetarium. The program is geared for children ages

The library will feature Dream Big Dream for independent readers, ages 6-12, running through July 24. First up is Bats of the World on June 19, followed by Comedy Magic with Gordon Russ on June 26, Follow That Dream With Storyteller Jean Bailey on July 3, Greg Lester's Puppet Adventures -Sword in the Stone on July 10, the Joel Tacey Pajama Jam Comedy Show on July 17, and the Gratitude Steel Band on July 24.

Teens will enjoy Bats: They Own the Night on June 18, from 7 p.m.to 8 p.m., followed by Henna Tattooing with Anshu on June 25, Star Wars Night on July 2, Gamefest on July 9, Detroit Fire Guild Performers on July 16, and a Pizza Party with Greg of Celebrity Sound & Lighting on July 23.

Other everyday services the library offers teens include free internet, career exploration, the chance to meet new friends, volunteer opportunities, and the chance to catch up on the latest books and comics.

Adults can enjoy a reading program called Between the Covers, starting June 7. Registration is under way; call 699-3291. See the library website for the details as well as all of the programs at www. belleville.lib.mi.us.com

VBT approves new Class C Liquor License for JT's Pub & Grub

Mr. Bill's restaurant at E. Huron River Drive and Haggerty Road is being transformed into JT's Pub & Grub. On Tuesday, the Van Buren Township Board approved a new Class C Liquor License with dance and entertainment.

The restaurant will be run as a family venture by father Samer Suleiman, son Joseph Suleiman, and son-in-law Tony Varco. They will hire 10 workers to begin. The family has run the Romulus House restaurant for the last 21 years.



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	2011 Microbiological Contaminants – Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System								
e s	Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number Detected	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water			
r	Total Coliform bacteria	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	in one month	no	Naturally present in the environment.			
le n	E.coli or fecal coliform bacteria	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E.coli positive.	entire year	no	Human waste and animal fecal waste.			

2011 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap									
Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 th Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water	
Lead	2011	ppb	0	15	0	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.	
Copper	2011	ppm	1.3	1.3	97 ppb	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.	

The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Running annual average	Monthly Ratio Range	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant	
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each month and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.					

2011 Special Monitoring

	Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
1	Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	5.02	Erosion of natural deposits

Collection and sampling result information in the table provided by Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) Water Quality Division, ML Semegen

Key to Detected Contaminants Table							
Symbol	Abbreviation for	Definition/Explanation					
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.					
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.					
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant level goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRLDG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.					
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.					
ppb	Parts per billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.					
ppm	Parts per million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.					
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.					
ND	Not Detected						
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.					
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.					
НАА5	Haloacetic acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, dibromoacetic, dichoroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.					
ТТНМ	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromoochloromethane and bromoform. Compliance is based on total.					
n/a	not applicable						
>	Greater than						

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Detected Contaminants Tables

These tables are based on tests conducted on our water by Detroit's Water and Sewer Department in the year 2011 and within the last five (5) calendar years. They conduct many tests throughout the year; however, only tests that show the presence of a contaminant are shown here. The table on this page is a key to the terms used in the tables.

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The following is a news release from the Van Buren Township Police Department.

On May 29, 2012 at approximately 2:38 p.m. Van Buren Bus Transportation was disrupted when a student from North Middle School announced that he had a bomb in his back pack.

A 14-year-old boy residing at the 17000 block of Westlake Circle was on the bus that was pulling into the apartment complex when telling the bus driver that he had a bomb in his back pack. The bus driver notified the transportation department and contacted police.

Upon arrival, officers made contact with the boy, stripped him of his back pack and left it outside the bus. All other students were evacuated from the bus along with the driver and taken to a safe distance away from the bus and back pack.

A perimeter was established and taped off along with the evacuation of one of the buildings where the bus initially stopped. VB Fire was on scene and assisted with evacuations of residents in the building, including two handicapped individuals. Michigan State Police Bomb Squad was requested to the scene to evaluate the suspicious package.

Detectives spoke with the 14-year-old boy after contacting his mother during the incident. The boy told detectives that a friend of his on the bus with him convinced him to tell the bus driver he had a bomb. The boy said he did it as a joke.

Michigan State Police officials x-rayed the back pack and searched the bus and uncovered no improvised explosive devices or bomb-making material.

All students were turned over to parents or guardians at the scene by police along with allowing residents that were displaced back into their building.

Police have released the boy back into the custody of his parents while still investigating the incident and any others that may have played a role into the prank. All findings will be turned over to the Wayne County Juvenile Prosecutor's Officer for review for charges.

There were ten high priority calls where the response time was delayed because of this prank. It cannot be stressed enough on how this created a significant cost and strain to Public Safety Services for those two hours and caused delays in several high-priority calls within the community.

Cook, Rochowiak reappointed in VBT

At Tuesday's Van Buren Township meeting, the board unanimously approved the reappointments of Robert Cook and Walter Rochowiak to the Water and Sewer Commission with terms to expire on June 1, 2014. Both Cook and Rochowiak are longtime members of the commission.

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to the spring when the road disintegrates. He said school buses cannot access the road at those times, residents can't drive home, and the fire department and police are impeded in responses to emergencies.

The township has permission of the county to use its own engineers for the project, which will reduce the cost.

Wayne County requires 6" of asphalt over 9" of aggregate, said Ryan of Hennessey. He said they might be able to recycle the base material and so the soil borings will give important information.

He said they also have to check out the existing width of the road and the number of culverts needed. Also, in some areas there are no ditches at all and ditches need to be established.

He said the county estimates about \$1.25 million per mile for paving and with the base analysis Sumpter may be able to reduce that cost.

Trustee Bill Hamm said the dust on Judd is really bad these days but the county is spraying chloride to knock it down.

Deputy Supervisor Craig Moody said the county is chloriding all the roads in the township right now, which is the earliest

In other business at the May 22 meeting, the board:

- Approved an agreement with the Nature Conservancy that allows the township to void the contract with 30-days notice. While the Conservancy wished the land it restores to be kept as is for 10 years, the township will be allowed to modify the agreement if development is desired. One piece of property, at Martinsville and Arkona, was removed from the project and a second piece of property may also be
- Discussed an ordinance amendment on outdoor furnaces requested by the planning commission. Attorney Rob Young will bring back a draft at the next meeting;
- Heard Supervisor Johnny Vawters announce the Bessie Hoffman School of Cosmetology that will be open to the public from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, offering \$7 hair cuts by the students. Customers can walk in after 10
- Approved the first reading of an ordinance to amend Ordinance 11A, Article 17.00 (General Building Provisions and Site Grades), as suggested by Hennessey Engineers, as well as changes to the grade change permit;
- Approved the first reading of an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 6, Article 8, Section 6-92, regulating vacant, abandoned, and foreclosed properties;
- · Approved paying the Michigan Township Association dues for 2012-13 in the amount of \$5,452.64;
- Approved switching from BS&A software to Property Based Systems at a cost of \$3,400 per year for three years, as proposed by the township's new parttime assessor Sue Iott. The township is considering taking over assessments from the county to save money.

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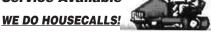
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City of Belleville **Regular City Council Meeting Minutes** May 21, 2012

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF

2. ROLL CALL Council Member Blackburn

Council Member Smith Present Council Member Tindall Present Mayor Pro Tem Loria Present Mayor Conley Present

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COMMENT

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve agenda with changes to move Item 8E to 8A.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Motion by Smith, Second by Loria to approve the

Regular City Council meeting minutes of May 7, 2012 as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve the

Special City Council meeting minutes of May 14,

2012 as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. <u>INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES</u> None. 8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. City Board Appointment Policy

Motion by Loria, Second by Blackburn to approve **Resolution No. 12-049** to approve changes to Section 16 City Board Appointment Policy of the City of Belleville General Policy Manual. The Cemetery Advisory Committee and Parks and Recreation Commission to be moved from Group A to Group B. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Mayor's Appointments to Boards & Commissions

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 12-050 to approve Mayor's appointment of Tom Fielder to DDA and Becky Hasen to Planning Commission with terms to expire on December 31, 2014 also to approve the re-appointment of Toni Clark to Cemetery Advisory Committee with term to expire on December 31, 2013

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Open RFQ's - Accounting Services

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 12-051 to accept the bid received from Plante Moran for accounting services for a three year period from July 1, 2012 ending June 30, 2015. Plante Moran's fee will not exceed the current rate of \$6,135.00 per month from July 2012 through December 31, 2013 and will increase to \$6,320.00 from January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Financial statement preparation assistance and audit assistance, year-end closeout, and budget work will not exceed \$15,000.00 annually.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Open RFP's – Municipal Auditing Services

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 12-052 to accept the bid received from Alan C. Young & Associates, P.C. to perform professional auditing services as presented.

Year Ended Total All-inclusive Maximum Fee

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund No action taken.

F. FY2012/13 Proposed Fee Schedule

Motion by Loria, to defer the FY2012/13 proposed fee schedule until June 4, 2012. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G. FY2012/13 Proposed Budget Review

Discussion was held on City & DDA FY2012/13 proposed budgets. H. Call Public Hearing - FY2012/13 Budget

Motion by Tindall, Second by Blackburn to approve

Resolution No. 12-053 to call Public Hearing on June 4, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. to consider the proposed FY2012/13 budget.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 9.ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL **EXPENDITURES**

Motion by Blackburn, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 12-054 to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00. With the addition of Time Emergency in the amount of \$6,543.25.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY **SCHEDULED MEETING**

FY2012/13 Public Hearing

Wayne County Parks Grant Agreement

11. ADJOURNMENT Motion by Tindall, Second by Blackburn to adjourn

the meeting at 8:55 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted.

Lisa Long, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: June 4, 2012; Published: June 7, 2012

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, June 11 Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Rawsonville Elementary School
- Tuesday, June 12 Van Buren Township LDFA, 2 p.m. Also, VBT Recreation Committee, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Budget Public Hearing of Belleville Area District Library Board at 6:30 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 7 p.m. Also, VBT Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 13 Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, June 14 Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m., Keystone Academy. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, tentative, 7 p.m. Also, City of Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday, May 27:

- 0101 disturbance, 7844 Kirkridge Park Dr.
- 0156 disturbance, 51207 Sylvia Dr.
- 0204 assault & battery, 9450 Haggerty Rd.
- 0230 disturbance, 2033 Rawsonville
- 0248 suspicious person, Van Buren Park
- 0408 noise complaint, Country Walk/Barnwell
- 0540 disturbance, 48910 Denton Rd. 0553 - disturbance, 45501 N. I-94 Service Dr.
- 0827 malicious destruction of property, 13130
- Hannan
- 0942 juvenile complaint, 10900 Lighthouse Dr.
- 1002 ATV/ORV complaint, 14172 Arlene Ln.
- 1200 suspicious person, Van Buren Park
- $1410-property\ damage\ accident,\ Belleville/Tyler$

1057 - mental, 49931 S. I-94 Service Dr.

- 1421 assault & battery, 26 Brandi
- 1505 fraud, Kmart
- 1510 private property accident, Walmart
- 1548 noise complaint, 9305 Parkwood 1557 - noise complaint, 50435 Bog
- 1609 lake complaint, Belleville Lake
- 1615 shots fired, back of Parkwood
- 1756 assault & battery, 8676 Walden Ct.
- 1931 juvenile complaint, 8903 Parkwood
- 2003 larceny from auto, 48651 Denton Rd.
- 2224 loitering, 8903 Parkwood
- 2237 disturbance, 46070 Lake Villa Dr.
- 2300 noise complaint, 6209 Westlake
- 2343 suspicious person, 46151 Village Green
- 2347 malicious destruction of property, 50935 W. Huron River Dr.

Monday, May 28:

- 0004 fraud, 10582 Belleville
- 0013 assault & battery, 82 Park Estates
- 0211 fireworks, Bog/Hoeft
- 0235 disturbance, 9209 Westlake
- 0714 breaking & entering, 50797 Mott
- 1151 disturbance, 14661 Elwell
- 1242 personal injury accident, Belleville/N. I-94
- 1324 marine violation, N. Shore/Lake Shore 1355 – assist fire dept., 12645 Haggerty
- 1608 assault & battery, 11573 Beckley Rd.
- 1645 larceny of gas, Meijer
- 1706 retail fraud, Walmart
- 1712 property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./
- Van Buren Park 1725 – assault & battery, Walmart
- 1901 assault & battery, 43855 Crowley Ave.
- 1908 harassment call, 139 Spencer Ave. 2057 - property damage accident, 42815 Stratford
- 2208 personal injury accident, WB I-94 / Haggerty
- 2240 private property accident, Walmart
- 2245 assault & battery, 48671 S. I-94 Service
- 2306 disturbance, 43855 Crowley Ave.
- 2343 operating while intoxicated, Haggerty / Ecorse
- Tuesday, May 29:

- 0005 assault & battery, 51219 Sylvia
- 0009 assault & battery, 48671 S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 0051 assault & battery, 15615 Martinsville 0111 - operating while intoxicated, 10760 Belleville
- 0702 holdup alarm, 11000 Belleville
- 1157 property damage accident, 9638 Hampton
- 1404 armed robbery, 46080 Lake Villa Dr.
- 1426 breaking & entering, Woodlands Golf
- 1438 bomb threat, Belleville/Westlake Circle
- 1515 assault & battery, 48870 Denton Rd.
- 1525 PPO violation, Haggerty School
- 1612 trespassing, 51151 Old Michigan Rd.
- 1644 property damage accident, N. Liberty/4th
- 1736 mental, 8191 Jeremy Rd.
- 1736 breaking & entering, 11020 Lighthouse Dr. 1740 – trespassing, 6699 Rogers Ave.
- 1757 personal injury accident, Haggerty/Tyler
- 1906 trespassing, 51151 Old Michigan Rd.
- 1944 harassment call, 13770 Haggerty Rd.
- 2047 disturbance, 23 Oak Blvd.
- 2110 fight, 9017 Parkwood Dr.
- 2140 assault & battery, 45501 N. I-94 Service
- 2226 noise complaint, 46 Park Estates
- 2233 noise complaint, 41460 E. Archwood
- Wednesday, May 30: 0041 - hospice, 44401 S. I-94 Service Dr.

- 0232 noise complaint, Haggerty Sub. Park 0551 - mental, 5964 Vernon St.
- 1455 holdup alarm, 9935 Lancaster Dr.
- 1514 narcotics crime, 41470 E. Archwood Dr.
- 1522 fraud, 49619 I-94 S. Service Dr.
- 1603 suspicious person, 42575 Winding Pond Dr
- 1644 fraud, 46218 Reedgrass Ln.
- 1644 malicious destruction of property, Haggerty / E. Huron River Dr.
- 1706 missing person, 11875 Quirk, Girlstown
- 1749 ATV/ORV complaint, Ecorse/Belleville
- 1848 breaking & entering, 9708 Jackson
- 1944 narcotics crime, 46425 Tyler Rd.
- 2059 intimidation threat, 10061 Clayton Rd.
- 2136 loitering, Kirkridge office 2159 - ATV/ORV complaint, 49092 Peninsular
- 2235 noise complaint, 42038 Arthur St.
- 2238 fraud, Meijer
- 2301 juvenile complaint, 51322 Sylvia Dr.
- 2301 juvenile complaint, 6633 Maurice Dr.
- Thursday, May 31:
- - 0126 suicide or attempt, 10819 Oak Lane
 - 0252 noise complaint, 8837 Parkwood Dr.
- 0649 assault & battery, 6515 Outer Dr. 0655 - mental, 198 Spencer
- 0832 larceny from auto, 41375 E. Huron River 0942 - vagrant, 9800 Haggerty
- 0953 operating while intoxicated, E. Huron River
- 0959 malicious destruction of property, 46141
- Village Green Ln.
- 1133 malicious destruction of property, 49011 S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1304 trespassing, 280 Holly Ln.
- 1426 property damage accident, 910 Sumpter
- 1511 intimidation threat, Rawsonville DNR Boat
- 1519 private property accident, 1200 Westlake Circle
- 1600 intimidation threat, 8905 Parkwood Dr.
- 1625 assault & battery, 6080 Victoria St.
- 1815 fraud, 48011 S. I-94 Service Dr. 1900 - property damage accident, 2039 Rawsonville
- 1904 larceny from auto, 46141 Village Green Ln
- 1913 private property accident, Belle Plaza 1943 - missing person, 13801 Cobblestone Creek
- 1947 missing person, 42901 Tyler Rd.
- 2007 harassment call, 109 Richard Run 2312 - operating while intoxicated, Ecorse / Haggerty

Friday, June 1: 0253 – operating while intoxicated, WB I-94 /

- Haggerty
- 0417 assault & battery, 9878 Wheeler St. 0752 - property damage accident, Ecorse/Hannan
- 1237 larceny, 77 Park Estates
- 1535 breaking & entering, 38 Maple Dr.
- 1540 intimidation threat, 12692 Hannan Rd. 1558 - breaking & entering, 117 Richard Run
- 1559 private property accident, 11800 Belleville 1822 - fraud, Walmart
- 2106 juvenile complaint, Belleville/S. I-94 Service
- 2319 fireworks, Kirkridge Park/Ecorse
- 2342 property damage accident, 59 Rose
- $2348-operating\ while\ intoxicated,\ Rawsonville\ /\ I-$

Saturday, June 2:

McDonald's

- 0216 disturbance, 46080 Lake Villa Dr.
- 0656 larceny from auto, 48781 S. I-94 Service 0750 - larceny from auto, 48611 Denton
- 0850 felony assault, 13277 Vista Dr.
- 1015 larceny from auto, 45707 S. I-94 Service
- 1059 larceny, 10824 Buchanan St. 1143 - weapons violation, 46080 Lake Villa Dr.
- 1247 larceny from auto, 48621 S. I-94 Service 1301 - assault & battery, 10760 Belleville,
- 1404 intimidation threat, 9246 Parkwood Dr.
- 1429 larceny from auto, 11090 Lighthouse Dr. 1444 - intimidation threat, 11000 Belleville, Wendy's 1509 - intimidation threat, 10276 Belleville,
- Walgreen's 1640 - retail fraud, Meijer
- 1649 water leak found, Old VBT Fire Station 2012 - noise complaint, 6040 Victoria St.
- 2043 larceny from auto, 48781 S. I-94 Service
- 2055 juvenile complaint, 11679 Meadows Ln.
- 2238 juvenile complaint, Tavistock/Andover 2311 - disturbance, Maurice/Sylvia
- 2336 assault & battery, 10760 Belleville, McDonald's
- Also on this week's log are 241 traffic stops, 59 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 27:

- 0017 suspicious person, Main/High
- 0135 suspicious vehicle, 805 Estrada
- 0602 agency assist, 48910 Denton 0653 - welfare check, Main/Denton
- 0732 welfare check, 275 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Court

Monday, May 28:

- 0624 neighbor trouble, 250 N. Liberty
- 1151 all other traffic, W. Columbia/High
- 1332 disorderly conduct, 87 Carmell
- 1442 assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia Ave.,
- 1452 intrusion alarm, 31 Loza Lane
- 1600 property damage accident, Main/Third
- 1642 suspicious person, Sumpter/Industrial Pk.
- 1716 harassment call, 201 Henry 1831 - E-911 hangup/investigation, 167 Fourth St.,
- 1854 missing person, 54 Biggs Ave. Tuesday, May 29:

0049 - parking complaint, Breakwater/Harbour Pointe Dr.

- 0119 agency assist, 10760 Belleville 0302 - property check, 580 E. Thornhill Ct.
- 0945 private property accident, 250 W. Davis
- 1431 assist citizen, 897 Sumpter Rd. 1522 - agency assist, 48870 Denton
- 1648 property damage accident, Liberty/Fourth

2047 - suspicious person, BHS Wednesday, May 30:

- 0341 suspicious situation, 506 Harbour Pointe 0840 - larceny, BHS
- 1623 fraud all, 6 Main 1738 - assault & battery, 6 Main

1510 - property check, BHS

- 1814 assist fire dept., 6 Santa Clara
- 1924 intrusion alarm, 300 N. Liberty St. 2238 - civil matter, 200 Henry St.

2300 - mental, 237 Main St. Thursday, May 31:

- 0705 agency assist, 198 W. Spencer
- 1116 assist citizen, 166 Biggs Ave. 1200 - sexual assault, 45201 Owen, South MS
- 1253 property damage accident, Main/N. Liberty
- 1546 narcotics crime, 65 S. Liberty St. 2216 - intrusion alarm, 45201 Owen, South MS

- 0316 agency assist, 6077 Rawsonville
- 0553 civil matter, 291 Henry St.
- 0846 property damage accident, Main/First 1336 - private property accident, BHS
- 1523 suspicious person, 22 Henry St. 1728 - juvenile complaint, 509 Estrada

1840 - property check, 44 Loza Lane Saturday, June 2:

- 0227 intrusion alarm, 573 Main St.
- 0554 intrusion alarm, 871 Sumpter Rd. 1538 – water leak found, museum
- 1717 welfare check, 65 Potter Dr. 1802 - civil matter, 144 Third St.
- 1813 mental, 54 Biggs Ave.
- 2008 motorist assist, S. Liberty/E. Huron River 2107 - suspicious person, 275 W. Columbia Ave.,
- Columbia Court 2114 - vehicle lockout, 42 Loza Lane
- 2126 traffic complaint, Huron River/Elwell
- Also on this week's log are 32 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 27: 0204 - fight, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.

- 0415 suspicious incident, 48000 bl. Harris 1001 - property damage accident, 19000 bl. Haggerty
- 1341 alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 1345 – citizen assist, Bemis/Elwell
- 1350 suspicious incident, 48000 bl. Harris 1418 - warrant arrest pickup, out of township 1747 – civil dispute, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
- 1904 family trouble, Rawsonville/Willis 2122 – disorderly person, 23000 bl. Sumpter
- 2323 traffic hazard, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd. 2341 - traffic hazard, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd. Monday, May 28:

- 1334 threats complaint, Greenmeadow
- 1652 citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1729 warrant arrest pickup, 23000 bl. Sumpter
- 1807 animal complaint, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
- 2115 citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter, out of township

Tuesday, May 29:

- 1411 fire dept. assist, Rustic Lane
- 1731 disorderly person, Rustic Lane 1750 - larceny, 40000 bl. Harris

- 1014 threats complaint, 39000 bl. Willow Rd. 1049 – fire dept. assist, Wear/Elwell
- 1548 mental health commitment, Birch
- 1736 911 hangup investigation, 22000 bl. Clark
- 1849 suspicious person, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
- Thursday, May 31: 0046 - fire, 27000 bl. Sherwood
- 0948 property damage accident, 49000 bl. Oakville
- 1539 fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Wear Rd. 1615 – fraud report, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1625 fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Wear Rd.

1816 - larceny, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct. 2011 - suspicious person, 10000 bl. Rawsonville

- 0928 child abuse/neglect, Pecan
- 1446 alarm, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1602 civil dispute, Pecan 1641 - fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
- 1708 civil dispute, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
- 1927 noise complaint, Knollwood 2031 - alarm, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

- 2303 alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd. Saturday, June 2:
- 1640 animal bite, Colorado
- 1657 larceny, 7900 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
- 2008 harassment complaint, Stonecrest 2224 - property damage accident, Willis/Sherwood

2237 - family trouble, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.

- 0459 criminal sexual conduct investigation, Pecan 0546 - property damage accident, Willow/Carleton
- 1229 alarm, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd. 1602 - traffic hazard, Elwell/Wear
- 1752 shots fired investigation, Willow/ Martinsville
- 2024 juvenile complaint, Carriage Lane
- Sherwood
- 2109 neighbor dispute, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.

investigations.

- 2206 fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
- Also on this week's log are 35 miscellaneous details. 131 patrol checks, 59 traffic stops, and 16 follow-up

- 2249 suspicious person, 50000 bl. Willis
- 0126 warrant arrest pickup, Haggerty/Bemis
- 0730 civil dispute, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 1324 civil dispute, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
- 1335 fire dept. assist, Washington
- 1416 harassment complaint, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
- 1425 citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1534 - fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.

- 2151 family trouble, 39000 bl. Willow Rd. 2227 - civil dispute, Arizona
- Wednesday, May 30: 1006 - fraud report, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1556 breaking & entering report, Birch 1708 - animal complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
- 2141 warrant arrest pickup, out of township 2222 – family trouble, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
- 0941 family trouble, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 1140 animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd. 1339 well-being check, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
- 1700 fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
- Friday, June 1: 0445 - suspicious incident, Sumpter/Judd
- 1525 civil dispute, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1855 alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 2141 suspicious vehicle, Rustic Lane 2302 - fire dept. assist, Carriage Lane
- 0030 warrant arrest pickup, 24000 bl. Sherwood 1427 – property damage accident, Willow / Haggerty 1616 – assault, 45000 bl. Paris Dr. 1623 – suspicious incident, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1752 suspicious person, Sherwood/Wear 1903 - fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
- Sunday, June 3:
- 0626 warrant arrest pickup, Willow/Carleton West 1141 – juvenile complaint, Elwell/Harris
- 1940 assist other agency, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 2034 accidental damage report, 42000 bl. Willow 2103 - operating while intoxicated arrest, Wear
- 2117 fire dept. assist, Dakota

1123 - child abuse/neglect, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.

- 0354 fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln. 0840 - alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 0207 property damage accident, Judd/Carleton West

- 0130 health & safety violation, 27000 bl. Haggerty

- 0004 alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 0016 - noise complaint, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.

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